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REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

This is in response to the Office Communication mailed on January 28, 2003, in which the Office stated that applicants' reply filed November 8, 2002(1) was not fully responsive. As discussed in a February 24, 2003 telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Friend, it is applicants' understanding that the Office has reviewed the reply and now considers it to be fully responsive.

The Office incorrectly states that the reply was filed November 19, 2002. The reply was hand-delivered to Tech Center 1600 on November 8, 2002. Applicants note for the record that the original reply was hand-carried to Tech Center 1600 and the return postcard was date-stamped on June 4, 2002, but was lost during handling by the USPTO.

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Applicants thank Examiner Friend for reconsidering this reply. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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